

The Raymond Leader

"Raymond's Greatest Fair" August 24th, 25th and 26th. 1914.

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RAYMOND, ALBERTA, FRIDAY, MAY 22nd 1914.

No

An Honest Debt Now Due.

As has already been announced, the 1st. of June will see a change in the editorial staff of the Raymond Leader.

The present management has striven for one year to please the greatest number of its patrons. We have solicited your help, we have offered to publish programs or print notices free of charge all tending so we figured, to make the paper more interesting.

'Tis true we have not been able to do our best at all times as every one familiar with newspaper work knows that the bulk of the work comes at the last minute and this has prevented us at times from correcting glaring mistakes and also

doing our best work.

We would admonish all of our worthy patrons not to judge too quickly but try and size up conditions.

As has been said we have managed the "Leader" for one year, we have done the work, we have collected only to percent of our money.

All those who are in arrears will receive a visit from our collector. We hope you will have the \$1.50 ready and we hope you will not make him feel like he is robbing you of your eye-teeth. It is an honest debt and in as much as the present editor is going away it is to or never and he needs the money.

reaching and we expect benefits ourselves from it.

Mr. R. A. Pettis shipped his furniture to Diamond City yesterday morning, where he expects to live. Mrs. Pettis left this morning for her new home.

Mrs. Henry Smith took her daughter Anna to Lethbridge to be operated on for appendicitis last Wednesday.

The best chance you ever will get to buy a beautiful set of furniture at a great bargain. For particulars apply, "Raymond Leader".

There was a benefit picture show in the Rex Theatre last Wednesday night. A nice little sum was turned over to the missionary.

Don't forget to pay your subscription by the 1st. of June if you are in arrears.

D. Wilson who has been working for Mr. Wolcott south of town, after being layed off he went to Mr. Wolcott's room and stole a suit of clothes. He was apprehended on Sunday in the Card hotel and the clothes were taken from him. Mr. Wolcott which held \$20 from Wilson's check.

Meeks Bros. have discovered cut worms on their wheat field. It is also understood that H. S. Allen's field is being devastated. They have communicated with Mr. Strickland at Lethbridge and it is expected that he will be out right away to make investigations and recommendations.

Lethbridge Herald
R. A. Gillies of Cardston was in town today on business.

The public utilities commissioner of Winnipeg Judge Robson, has refused to let the oil corporations of Calgary, to set stock in Manitoba until the oil companies can give bonafide proof that oil wells are behind the stock.

At the Chinese Cafe run by "Fat" an ugly scrap occurred in which one of the town boys got a deep sting in the arm with a knife. It seems that the Celtic had grabbed the boys hat, in prompt security for some confectiory, and when he made an attempt to recover the same he was attacked with a knife. Dr. J. S. Wray was called to dress the wound. The matter has come to the attention of the officers and since it is against the laws to be selling on Sunday. The people are against it and action will probably be taken against the chinaman.

For your Sunday dinner. Fresh strawberries and green stuff. A new shipment expected Saturday night. At THE DELTA.

M.I.A. Day Next Monday

Big Time Expected. Five Wards to Contest in Hall and on Field

Next Monday is M. I. A. day. The big day of the year for young people when the work of this institution culminates in competitions of every description of the best members of all of the wards of the Stake.

In the morning in the Opera House the winners of the district ward finals will compete for Stake honors in the oratorical contest, story telling contest, two mixed quartets and Junior choruses, both boys and girls.

Mr. Frank Steele of Magrath and Grant Young of Raymond will test their oratorical abilities. Miss Viola Allen of Raymond will contest Miss Brandy of Stirling in the story telling. A Raymond 2nd ward mixed quartet consisting of Wilma Urenbach Daisy Erickson, Octave Urenbach and Allen

Erickson will compete with a Magrath mixed quartet. A Junior boys chorus consisting mainly of Kenneth Knight (if volume be counted) will compete.

It is expected the Taber district will send over some choruses to the competition.

In the afternoon the field events will take place at Victoria Park and it is expected a good representation will be sent from every ward of the Stake to take part in the different events elsewhere itemized in this issue. It is expected some Stake records will be smashed and perhaps some new material developed for future M. I. A. days.

The winners of each event will go to Cardston on June 3rd, and compete for the championship of the Alberta and Taylor Stakes.

Raymond Tennis Club Organized.

As a result of the agitation and determined efforts of some of our most enthusiastic towns people, a tennis club was formed about one month ago, which will be known as the Raymond Tennis Club. Dr. Wray was elected president and a committee appointed to secure the constructions of a court. Since the first meeting of the club, enquiries have been so numerous that the original membership limit which was placed at twenty has been extended to thirty and two courts are being constructed instead of one as first planned.

At a meeting of the club held Wednesday evening, Delzel Selmon was chosen treasurer and Jessie Redd, secretary. The initiation fee was fixed at \$1.50 and membership tickets will be issued upon payment of this fee. These tickets will not be transferable until after the membership limit is reached. All fees are payable to Delzel Selmon. Each member will supply himself with his own

racket while the remainder of the court equipment will be furnished by the club.

The court is located in a very advantageous position, being in the large vacant square adjoin Broadway, west of the main business district. It is being well finished and promises to be exceptionally good in every detail. A wire netting will be placed around the four exposed sides for the double purpose of keeping the balls in and stray come out which unfortunately even at this late date are often seen roaming the public high ways.

Raymond has long been in need of just such an acquisition as a tennis court will be, as it will afford a more healthful recreation than dancing, which has been the whole means for so long. All those intending to join will be wise if they secure their membership tickets immediately as it will be impossible to extend the limit already determined upon.

Local News

Telephone any interesting News

There was select social given last night by the 2nd. ward M. I. A. girls. After the review of the years work, a peanut hunt was indulged in.

The two Raymond wards and the Stake M. I. A. Board are combining forces to accommodate the ice-cream, soft drinks, sandwich, etc., trade at the Grand Stand near Monday.

The ribbons for the M. I. A. day are printed and are worthy of the best effort of all the competitors. A ribbon is something that can be preserved as a memento for a life time.

During the last week a good deal of sport life has been manifested. Raymond is not dead yet in this line.

Don Shousen is expected in from Grothon to assist the 1st. ward on M. I. A. day.

FOUND—A plain gold ring loser may have same by paying for this at Leader office.

Last Saturday night a benefit was given in honor of Ervin Fawns who left last Thursday for a mission to the Eastern States. A good sized crowd was present. Lemonade was served.

Mrs. E. Bramwell has decided to put her trip to the south off until her husband can accompany her, which likely will be the middle part of June.

The Alberta Stake has held their final track meet and some of their records exceed ours of last year considerably. This means work if we get there.

Miss Houie Love entertained last Monday night in honor of Ervin Fawns. Everyone present had an excellent time.

LOST—A diamond stud on stage of Opera House in April finder will receive \$5.00 reward on returning the same to Leader office.

What if we should strike oil in Raymond? The shock would startle some of our live citizens. It is questionable whether they would recover.

Do you owe the "Leader" any thing? If you do please pay up by June 1st. as the management is growing stingy.

Calgary is in the throes of an oil boom. The effects of this are far

Stores To Close Wednesdays At Noon

Mutual Petition Accepted. Merchant's United

The following petition was penned by the mutuals of both wards in the interest of improvement in many lines and to support the need of just recreation.

PETITION

We, the Officers of the Y. M. M. I. A. of the first and second wards of Raymond, hereby petition you the business men of Raymond to grant a half holiday each week to your employees for the months of June, July and August.

SIGNED:

1ST. WARD, D. G. SELMAN, BLISS ROBERT, JAMES R MCLEAN.

2ND. WARD, D. L. GARRAITH, RAY POWELL, BERT POWELLSON.

We, the Merchants of the town of Raymond set WEDNESDAY as the day of each week to be observed as a half holiday and agree to close our places of business the said day at twelve o'clock noon for the months of June, July and August.

Signet:—

D. A. BENNETT, C. W. BREWSTER, W. B. NALDER, FRED FIERGRASS, G. H. ORGAN, Z. N. SKOUSEN, WM. BLAIR, L. D. KING.

Farewell to Ervin Fawns. Baseball Fans Coming to Life

Last Monday night a social was given in honor of Ervin Fawns in the 1st. ward meeting house.

An excellent program was rendered consisting of a string trio by Wm. Stone and Co. a vocal duet J. W. Wilson and wife, a talk "The ups and downs of Missionary Life" by W. P. Litchfield, Vocal Solo by Fraydela McLean.

Geo. O. Nye and Co. sang a splendid duet, Mrs. Amy L. Allen toasted the missionary and Fern Redd sang a solo.

Mr. P. B. Robinson gave an oration "The Mormon Missionary" and Miss Savage sang a solo.

Ervin Fawns the honored guest, made his farewell speech and the party broke up after having enjoyed the evening very much.

At last something has been started in the way of tangible baseball for this year.

A meeting is to be held tonight in the Town Hall at which every body is invited and Zeb Skousen has been around giving the merchants special invitations to be present or to send their representative.

Mr. Skousen was assured of the undivided support of the merchants and towns people and it looks like the old timers would rally to the cause and Raymond will soon join the ranks of the baseball towns and Raymond fans will have a chance to vent off some of that baseball energy which has been pent up so long.

We wish the meeting every success.

Third Annual M. I. A. Day.

TAYLOR STAKE
May 25th, 1914.

Morning Session OPERA HOUSE 9.30 Sharp.

1. Boys Chorus District 3
 2. Retold Stories District 2 & 3
 3. Single mixed Quartet No 2 & 3
 4. Oratorical District No 3 & 2
 5. Junior Girls Chorus District No 2 & 3
- Judges—Mr. N. L. Mitchell for musical numbers; Mr. D. H. Elton Retold Stories & Oratorical.

Afternoon Session:—

Track and Field events of Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. members at Victoria Park at 1.30 sharp.

A contest in the following Athletics by the M. I. A. of Raymond and 2nd wards, Stirling, Magrath, Taber, Welling, Barnwell & Grassy Lake.

EVE ITS

1. Junior 75 yard dash
2. Mile
3. 100 yd. dash
4. Shot Put
5. Junior Running Broad Jump
6. 220 yd. dash
7. Y. L. M. I. A. Athletic Events
8. Ist. Girls Gymnastics & Drill 2 & 3
9. 2nd. Captain Ball Jr. District
10. Stirling vs. 2nd. ward Raymond
11. Vally Ball Seniors [Magrath vs. Raymond 1st. ward—Stirling vs. Raymond 2nd.]
12. Winning teams Competing
13. Batting Base Ball
14. 40 foot race
15. Throwing Base Ball
16. Seniors Relay race (3 men 100 yd. laps)
17. Junior Relay (4 men 220 yd. lap)
18. Senior Half mile
19. High Hurdles (110 yds.)
20. Junior Pole Vault
21. Low Hurdles (220 yds.)
22. Senior Standing Broad Jump
23. Senior Running Broad Jump
24. Senior High Jump
25. Senior Pole Vault

PRIZE RIBBONS—1st. Red, 2nd. Blue

Admission:— Victoria Park

Adults

Children

25cts.

10cts.

Grand Stand FREE
GRAND BALL IN EVENING

Inter-State Meet June 3rd at CARDSTON

Raymond Leader

Published every Friday Morning,
at Raymond

Subscription \$1.50 per year payable
in advance.

Advertising rates on application.

Established 1902. Name changed from
"The Raymond Leader" to "Raymond
Leader," June, 1911.

All official advertisements, such as by Law
Enforcers and Sheriff, must be handled in writing to the
editor.

All orders for advertising contracts, etc.,
must be handled in writing to the
editor.

S. Grant Young,
Editor and Manager.



SCHEDULE "A". MORTGAGE SALE:

PURSUANT to the Order of
His Honour Judge Jackson made
herein the 30th day of April 1914
in a certain action wherein the
Ecclesley Life Insurance Com-
pany is Plaintiff and Nephew
Taylor and George H. Budd are
Defendants, the following lands
in the Province of Alberta, name-
ly: the North half (N. 1/2) of the
South West Quarter (S. W. 1/4)
and the East half (E. 1/2) of the
North West Quarter (N. W. 1/4)
of section thirty-one (31) in Town-
ship Six (6) in Range twenty (20)
West of the fourth Meridian.
Reserving into His Majesty, His
Successors and Assigns all Mines
and Minerals and the right to
work the same, will be offered
for sale by public auction on Sat-
urday the 6th day of June 1914 at Three
o'clock in the afternoon at the
Raymond Hotel in the town of
Raymond in the Province of Al-
berta.

Sale to be subject to a Reserve
Bid to be fixed by the Court.
Terms and Conditions will be
made known at the time of the
sale or can be ascertained from
the undersigned solicitors.

Said land is well situated about
three miles from the town of Ray-
mond. There is said to be a two
roomed frame house about 12' x
30' on the said lands and a gran-
ary about 14' x 36'. The said
land is said to be fenced. The
said land has all been under cul-
tivation and the said land is at
present in stubble.

DATED at Lethbridge, Alber-
ta, this 30th day of April A. D.
1914.

Conynbare, Charch, McArthur &
Barrieters, Solicitors, etc.
Conynbare H. Ch.,
Lethbridge, Alberta

Malcolm Young,
Auctioneer.

Feeding of Chicks

When the chicks are removed to
their brooding quarters there should
be some coarse sand or fine chick
grit scattered where they can have
free access to it. They should
then be left until they show posi-
tive signs of hunger, which would
be between the second and third
day after hatching. They may
then be given some chick crumbs
that have been very slightly moist-
ened with milk; this may be scat-
tered on clean sand or chick grit.
If being brooded by a hen she will
see that no food is allowed to lie
around, but if in a brooder that
part of the food that the chicks do
not pick up in a few minutes should
be removed, as nothing in feeding
causes so much trouble as leaving
food of that nature around until it
is

BRANTFORD PROTESTS

Strong and Unanimous Opposition to
Lower Duty on Implements

Although it is generally understood
that the Liberal party are in favor of
Free Trade in agricultural implements,
or at least are strong supporters of
material reductions in the implement
tariff, the following resolution passed
by the Advisory Committee of the
National Reform Association on
March 16th indicates that the rank
and file of the Liberal party are far
from favoring the policy laid down by
their leaders at Ottawa. The resolu-
tion reads as follows:

"That as members of the Advisory
Committee of the Brantford Reform
Association, we record our firm pro-
test against the removal, or material
reduction, of the present duties on
agricultural implements, as calculated
to do substantial injury to a most
important industry, and one in which
Brantford is vitally interested, at a
time when said industry, in conse-
quence of the loss of business and
poor collections in the west is least
able to stand it, and also because the
import duties are levied on the im-
plements are below the requirements of
this tariff for revenue only, and not such
as to do any injustice to the western
agriculturists, and that a copy of this
resolution be sent to Sir Wilfrid
Laurier."

Similar resolutions have also been
passed by the Conservative Executive
in Brantford, and the Board of Trade
of that city has also taken action along
the same lines. The general feeling
all through Eastern Canada, but par-
ticularly in industrial centres, is, with-
out passing on the merits or demerits
of the implement tariff as it stands,
that it would be nothing short of a
disaster to reduce the duties this year,
when there are thousands of work-
men unemployed, and every industry
is seriously handicapped by lack of
credit and lack of orders. It is felt
that any reduction in the tariff must
mean increased importations, and
consequently would be providing work
for American workmen while a greater
number of Canadians than ever would
be cut off from the source of livelihood.

BUILD UP YOUR OWN CITY

Practical Policy Advocated by the
Calgary "Standard"

After referring to the fact that the
Trades and Labor Council endorsed a
local directory company as against
trading companies, which had been
publishing the Calgary City
Directory, the "Standard" points out
that the labor interests acted in keep-
ing with a civic spirit which builds
up industrial centres.

The Winnipeg printing house dis-
burses its money in Winnipeg; the
local directory company keeps this
money at home, and between the two
institutions there is absolutely no
argument.

Perhaps we of Calgary have been
too busy growing to pay much atten-
tion to the home industry idea, but
we are awakening. We are after new
industries and the local distribution
of money that comes from their es-
tablishment. The local directory com-
pany is a home industry of possibilities,
and is entitled to the support of
every business man who believes
in the local idea.

With the city council and the in-
dustrial bureau and others clamoring
for civic assistance to new industries
which may possibly come here in the
future, it is plainly the duty of the
people of Calgary to look first to the
encouragement and development of
their own industries, of which the
directory concern is one. If Calgary
will not give generous support to those
who are already on the ground in the
city, there is but little likelihood of
others being attracted to a field which
is so unpromising. And if the
people of Calgary are willing and
ready to support outside industries
to the neglect of the local ones, there
is little use asking one single other
firm to start up business in Calgary.

What applies to Calgary applies i-
general to the "Made-in-Canada"
policy. Only by helping our fellow-
Canadians to help themselves can we
help ourselves.

THE GREAT PROBLEM

When a labor unionist sells his labor
for twenty-five per cent. more than it
is worth, he is a patriot.

When a farmer sells eggs and beef
at twenty-five per cent. more than they
are worth, he is a patriot.

When a manufacturer sells his
wares, made by laborers who get
twenty-five per cent. more than they
are worth, to the farmer who is getting
twenty-five per cent. more for his best
and eggs than they are worth, what
right should he charge?

Every correct solution gets a prize.
Criticize free—Canadian Courier.

JUST ARRIVED AT Ellison Mills Car Load of Seed Club Wheat

This wheat was imported from
Champion and yielded this year
45 bushels per acre you can get
it seed at

\$5.00 per Bnshel

and you may win a Big Prize.
See Agricultural Society Prize List

DAVID H. ELTON

BRANTFORD DIRECTOR

Notary Public

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DR. AMOS

DENTIST

Moved to Security Block,
Upstairs.

In Raymond on Wednesdays only.

N. LORENZOMITCHELL

Teacher or Piano

Graduate of Prof. Eugene Schost. Also imp-
of Theory V. Cannon. Tabernacle organist.

TERMS PHONE 83.

Lower Elementary Grades 50c per lesson

Advanced grades 75c and \$1

Thirty minute lessons.



It is wonderful what a little money spent in paint, and a
little time in applying it, will do in the way of improvement
around your home.

Worn floors can be made to look bright and fresh—dingy furniture made as good
as new—cupboards and shelves made clean and sanitary—dull woodwork and doors,
bright and clean—and the walls instead of being covered with faded, dust-collecting
wall paper or streaky and shabby kalsomine, can be made artistic and sanitary.
Here are the special Sherwin-Williams products that will do all this for you at
small expense.

For your floors use S-W Inside Floor Paint for a durable painted finish, or S-W
Floorlac for an attractive finish imitating all the popular hardwoods such as
Oak, Mahogany, etc.

Refinish your furniture with a coat of S-W Varnish Stain, a combination of a
permanent pigment stain and a durable varnish, which renews the old furniture
in such colors as Mahogany, Oak, Rosewood, Walnut, etc. S-W Floorlac can also
be used for the same purpose.

Cupboards, shelves, painted baseboards, doors, and wainscoting can all be
finished handsomely with S-W Family Paint, a durable oil paint made in twenty-
one attractive colors, easy to keep clean.

The best finish for walls is Sherwin-Williams Flat-tone, a durable oil paint that
dries with a soft, velvety flat effect. It is made in 24 colors that are the choice of
expert decorators. It is very durable and will last for years and can be washed
with soap and water, without injury.



Raymond Mercantile Co.

General Merchandise, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Etc.

Phone No. 9 RAYMOND



Feed Your Hogs & Cattle Molasses

The Agricultural Experiment Station at Logan, Utah,
U. S. A., conducting a two year test with best sugar
beet molasses, found that when hogs were fed as low
as 24c a barrel, the weight of this material had a feed-
ing value of 18 cents in 1912 per hundred pounds
when compared with prevailing prices of other feeds.
From this analysis and by other experiments, it is calcu-
lated that one quart of molasses has the same feeding value
as five to six quarts of oats, and due to the condi-
tioning effect of the material on an animal, it is found that
hogs that are working hard were in better condition when
fed on molasses than when they were fed dry feed alone,
and the cost of the feed was reduced about 25 per cent.

MOLASSES AT FACTORY, \$6 A TON

Knight Sugar Co.
LIMITED
RAYMOND, ALTA.

A Good CHANCE

For young Couples starting in life, to get,

Furniture

A complete set of cooking utensils, Range, etc. A nice dining-
room set, chairs, table and buffet. A nice bedroom set with
carpets everything complete. PRICES RIGHT

Apply at

The Leader Office

HAVE YOU ORDERED?

Wire Fencing,

Pig Wire and Barbed Wire

LARG STOCK ON HAND

We have Complete Stock of Bedding, Blankets, Woolen Underwear, Hosiery, and Every
thing necessary to Comfort in an Alberta Winter

Order now it will pay you

Well get and we hold our Trade by giving value received to our Customers

O'Brien Nalder Co. Ltd.

The Corner Store

Dealers in Dry-Goods, Groceries, Hardware Furniture, Caskets and Funeral Supplies.

The Station Agent

He Climbed Two Ladders at Once

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

Billy McGillivray's father was a railroad man engaged in extending one of the systems through the far west up to Oregon. When Billy left school he said he would like to go out there and sit himself to manage a railroad. His father liked the idea and sent him out, heading his beginning as station agent, or something like that, and promised to boost him as fast as he could fill the different positions.

When Billy appeared as agent at Gunnison Junction to step on to the first round of the ladder that was to lead him to the presidency of the road he was a little over eighteen, but as he weighed only a hundred pounds, stood but five feet four inches in his stockings and looked about sixteen years old it seemed very ridiculous to think of him as being such an office boy.

Billy was to spend a month at Gunnison, when he was to be promoted to trainman, then to spend another month

considerations. Besides, he was good-looking and amiable by his associates. Billy saw at once that trouble was brewing and warned Billy.

"What have you come here any more," said Billy.

"I want to do some."

"You want to do some? You are not fit to do it."

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MARTYRS TO SCIENCE.

Dr. J. F. Hall-Edwards, Sacrificed

Both His Life for X-Ray Work

There have been many heroic martyrs

of science.

"Nothing," Tom Swartout is jealous,

"He won't hurt you, my boy."

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THOSE COLORED WIGS.

London Artists Cannot Decide on

Merits of Two Green Hats

London artists are divided in opin-

ion concerning the green, blue, pur-

ple and pink wigs, which are invading

the hair of the French Paris.

Mr. Seymour Lucas, R.A., the famous

historical and portrait painter,

in a brief but unmistakable language,

said: "I have never seen a colored

wig, and I never will do so. The idea

is too horrible. If women are wearing

it they must have taken leave

of their common sense."

The new fashion, on the other

hand, is stoutly defended by Mr.

Willie Clark, whose show-cases

are packed with models wearing

the wig of the new hair, the favorite

color being blue, green, pink and

purple in fifty or more shades.

"Colored hair is certainly becoming

popular," said Mr. Clark, "and I

think I frankly fail to see why any

woman of taste or refinement should

object to a wig of colored hair any

more than she would object to a

wig of natural color, or even col-

ored boots."

We are filling very large orders

for the wig from Paris, where they

are all the rage in the fashionable

circles of London and Paris. They

are not very far behind in their de-

mand for the wig, and the demand

is growing rapidly. It is not only

the wig, but to ladies in private

life.

A good average price for a col-

ored wig in London is £10.00. The

price of a wig of natural color is

£5.00. The price of a wig of pink

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RAYMOND, DISPENSING CHEMIST ALTA

School Board Hold Special Meeting.

There was a special meeting of the Raymond school board last Wednesday night. The object of the meeting was to investigate the board's position as regards next year's work.

Reports and statistics pointed to a successful term next year and now that the school tax has been spread over more territory the burden is lighter for everyone.

It was decided to close the school for this year the last of next week excepting the very low grades. The object of this is to give the children a chance to work in the fields.

The teachers' salaries will not be affected by the schools closing one month earlier.

Woman's Institute

Last Wednesday afternoon the regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Raymond Hotel.

Mrs. C. W. Card was elected president to fulfill the position vacated by Mrs. Thomas who so ably directed the institute work for so many months.

Miss Lulu Reil gave a plate solo and Miss Ella Midner sang.

The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday June 10th.

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COTTON IN YARMOUTH

Canada's Largest Duck Mill Situated in Far East—A Record of Expansion

"The Canadian Textile Journal" of Montreal has an interesting account of the history and development of the big cotton company which has been situated in the Town of Yarmouth since 1883. Starting out in a small way in that year extensions were made in 1892, 1907 and again last year. In 1883 the total output was 5,000 pounds per week of finished product. This has grown to-day to 75,000 pounds per week.

The human element of this enormous plant is worth considerable study. Hundreds of well paid and seemingly contented employees are on the roll. Of course, if any one will take the trouble to talk to them individually, he will find some kickers—some people will "kick" even in Heaven, if they happen to get there—but on the whole they are perfectly satisfied with the mill and their employers. Quite a number of the employees have been there ever since the mill opened thirty years ago, and very many of the younger men and women, too, have spent practically all their working hours in that mill. The mill was floated on a bond issue, and quite a number of those working there are bondholders. In a large measure the mill is their mill, and its prosperity is their prosperity. Probably this is one of the reasons why the management has never been vexed by labor problems, which are the bug-bear of many a mill situated less favorably.

Inter-dependence of manufacturing industries is demonstrated by a glance at the list of purchasers of this company's product. It will be found that two of their largest individual accounts are the big implement companies of Toronto and Hamilton, who use large quantities of duck in their binders. Naturally those interested in the Yarmouth mill do not regard the agitation for free agricultural implements with any degree of favor as they know it will inevitably mean concessions in the shape of reductions in duties on materials purchased by the implement firms. As the duck mill is perhaps the backbone of Yarmouth's commercial life, it will be seen that considerable opposition will arise in this prosperous town to any proposal to reduce the duty on implements which involves interference with the production of the cotton mill. At the present time the big implement companies have a protection of 17 1/2 per cent on their binders, in which the duck is used, whereas the duty on duck is the same.

Those who are dependent directly or indirectly on the prosperity of a big industry like that in Yarmouth for their livelihood realize fully the value of industrial development to the community. No one in Yarmouth or who vicinity would favor reductions in the duties on duck which would cause a falling off in the production of the Yarmouth mill, and provide a mill in United States or England with more work. It is hard to see, however, how the Government can refuse to reduce the duty on duck if they materially reduce the duty on agricultural implements.

WESTERN PORK PACKING

Several New Plants Projected For the Extension of the Industry

In addition to the pork packing plants which have been established of recent years in Calgary, Edmonton, and within the last in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon, Kerrobert will soon boast a good packing industry.

The Dominion Abattoir Company, of London, Ontario, has just commenced the erection of a pork packing plant there. The firm expects to use about three hundred hogs per week as soon as the plant begins operations. Farmers should give their support as it will mean much to them in future profits.

It is gratifying to see that Eastern manufacturing firms are realizing the possibilities of development in Western Canada, and are not slow to embark their capital in branch plants in the West. Already twenty-five or more of the oldest and largest firms in their respective lines in Canada have opened up branch factories in the West, covering such lines as paint, oil, cement, flour, glass, metallic roofing, starch, cane, castings, pipe, metal beds and bedding, pork packing, etc. Thus in a few years the West has already tangible results from the stable trade policy Canada has followed for the last quarter of a century. As time passes the West will more and more do its own manufacturing, particularly if the policy of requiring United States firms to manufacture their product in Canada in order to enjoy a share of our market is adhered to.

THE COST OF LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

Still Increasing Steadily—The Underwood Tariff Has No Produced Promised Reductions

It will be remembered that some radical advocates of the Underwood Tariff prophesied that, when it became law, the cost of living would fall like a parachute.

Even the moderate adherents of the Underwood theories argued that lowering the tariff would reduce to some extent the burden of securing the necessities of life.

Is the Underwood Tariff producing this happy result?

Bulletin 158, which is just being issued by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, at Washington, dealing with fifteen staple articles of food, shows that, when the price of each of these articles of food is considered according to the average consumption in workmen's families, retail prices were on October 15th, 1913, than at any other time during the last twenty-three years. Retail prices of food on October 15th, 1913, were 7.8 per cent. above the average price for the ten-year period, 1890 to 1899; 7.3 per cent. above the price on October 15th, 1912, and 18.3 per cent. above the price on October 15th, 1911.

This bulletin is one of the Bureau's regular series on retail prices. It shows actual prices for September and October, 1912, and September and October, 1913, and also summarizes retail prices for the period from 1890 to October, 1913.

Comparing retail prices on October 15th, 1913, with prices on the same date in 1912, thirteen of the fifteen articles for which quotations are given advanced and two declined in price. Potatoes advanced 42.3 per cent.; eggs advanced 14.3 per cent.; round steak advanced 12.9 per cent.; ham advanced 10.6 per cent.; rib roast advanced 8.3 per cent.; sirloin steak advanced 8.3 per cent.; bacon advanced 8.2 per cent.; hens advanced 7.5 per cent.; pork chops advanced 6.3 per cent.; butter advanced 3.7 per cent.; milk advanced 2.7 per cent.; corn meal advanced 1.7 per cent., and lamb advanced 1.0 per cent. Sugar declined 8.3 per cent., and flour declined 2.4 per cent.

As the Underwood Tariff went into effect on October 13th, 1913, it was operating only twelve days before the above statistics were taken—hence it would be unreasonable to expect marked results in so short a period. However, the passage of the Act was practically certain for months before it was finally approved; yet this certainty did not cause prices to be lowered.

This is a further proof of the old saying that "Trade laughs at Tariffs." It would seem to indicate beyond a doubt that the increase in the cost of living cannot rightly be ascribed to the system of protection, moderate or otherwise. United States has for over a generation been an example of what a policy of extreme protection can do to build up the country.

CO-OPERATIVE WAGES

Returns to Workers Very Low in England in Their Own Establishments

According to Professor Swanson, in an article on "Productive Co-operation," which has recently appeared in a Toronto periodical, the "Wholesale Societies in the British Co-operative Movement in 1910 employed about 17,000 productive workers, paying them £920,000 or \$4,600,000 in wages. The retail societies employed 21,000 workers in production, and paid them wages to the amount of £1,210,000 or \$6,050,000. The associated workers, with 7,300 productive employees, paid £285,000 or \$1,425,000 in wages. This works out for the three groups to £54 4s., or \$270, £57 12s., or £135 and £16 8s., or £250 per worker per annum. In the last class the worker is also given \$1.50 as a bonus, making his annual wage equal to \$255. These averages are certainly not in excess of those paid by private employers. Socialistic critics are undoubtedly correct when they charge the system with making poorer returns to the employee than does private industry. For example, the average earnings of the employees of the British railways amounted at the same period, to which the above figures refer, to £45, or \$225 per worker.

It should be remembered of course that these are the wages that prevail under Free Trade in Great Britain, and while they would seem unjustly low to a good Canadian mechanic there is no doubt that the relatively higher Canadian wages are explained to a great extent by the moderate protection policy which has prevailed in this country for the last thirty years.

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On the evening of Thursday, June 4th the Commencement of the Knight Academy will be held in the Auditorium. President Allen will give the address to the students and Rulon Hicken will act as valedictorian. The program in its completed form will be given in the next issue.

Raymond's musical talent will appear in a program being prepared by Mr. Geo O. Nye, on Monday, June 10th. All the numbers are of exceptional merit and promise to prove a rare musical treat.